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Mayor Tecklenburg Statement on Employee COVID-19 Vaccination Policy

Charleston, S.C.—Today, Charleston Mayor John Tecklenburg sent the <u>attached email</u> to all city staff regarding the new COVID-19 vaccination policy for city employees and released the following statement:

"With new COVID-19 cases surging and the highly contagious delta variant now pervasive in our area, the city has implemented a new policy requiring its employees to get fully vaccinated against COVID-19. This is a critical step to protect the health and safety of those who serve our community and to ensure that we remain capable of providing essential city services.

"The CDC, DHEC and our local medical professionals have all been clear – these vaccines are safe and effective, and it's incumbent upon us as public servants to lead by example and do everything in our power to protect our community. Put simply, widespread vaccination is the only way we can end this pandemic for good, and we're proud to stand by other local governments who share that same goal."

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